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Entitled: INTERNET-BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT SYSTEM AND METHODS

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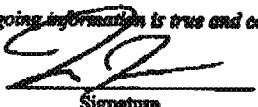
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which Application:

- ☐ is being executed concurrently herewith,
- ☐ was first executed on
- ☒ was filed on **June 30, 2000** as Application Number **09/608,208**.
- ☒ claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No(s). **60/141,283** filed **June 30, 1999**, **60/141,864** filed **July 1, 1999** and **60/187,890** filed **March 8, 2000**.

Blackboard, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, on behalf of itself, its successors and assigns, and its legal representatives, is entitled to all rights in the Application and the Invention(s), and the full cooperation of the Inventor(s).

For valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the Inventor(s) hereby sell(s), assign(s), and transfer(s) to Blackboard, Inc. the entire and exclusive right, title and interest in the Application and the Invention(s), in and for the United States, its territories, and all foreign countries, including all applications, patents, design registrations and publications obtained or derived therefrom, world wide, and all priority rights under all present or future conventions and treaties, and any provisional applications for which priority is claimed in the Application; and

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